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DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

WEEKLY UPDATE#5

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The Idaho State Department of Education has created brief questionnaires that ask students and school/district educators about their experience taking this spring's ISAT Math and ELA tests (by Smarter Balanced).

The state department desires feedback from **students and adult educators** (administrators, district testing and technology coordinators, district special education directors, teachers, and proctors) to guide recommendations for future administrations and improvements.

Districts may administer the student questionnaires online, if desired, by using the following hyperlinks:

Grades 3-5 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7K3LZ6R>

Grades 6-8 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRL3GFS>

Grades 9-11 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRCZK57>

Educator Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/28F3LZW>
(Administrators, Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators,
Teachers, Proctors)

ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES:

Test Security Reminders

- **Cell Phone Policy:** Cell phones are not allowed in testing locations.

Actual Testing Times vs Estimate testing Times Table – ATTACHED

- We will continue sending biweekly updates of testing times. We felt it would be useful to send these preliminary estimates now as some districts continue to build and modify testing schedules.

SAT: Make-Up Day – April 29th

The April 29th SAT Make-Up Day is only for students who were originally registered for the April 15th School Day Administration and could not attend. After the April 15th administration, school test center supervisors were to fill out, online, an absentee report of the students who were registered for the original administration. Then ETS sends out testing materials for the make-up administration on April 29th for those students who completed the online registration and were absent on April 15th. As long as the absentee report was completed, testing materials for the April 29th date will be received. Stand-by paper/pencil registration is not an option for the April 29th administration.

Students who were not originally registered on April 15th will need to participate in the fall make-up administration. Nichole Hall will be sending out communication for the fall make-up administration at the beginning of the 15-16 school year.

Media Interactions

- Do not allow any unauthorized visitors, including parents, guardians, or members of the media to enter the testing rooms.
- Do not allow persons with video or audio recording equipment in or near the testing or registration area for any reason.



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- Authorized staff (such as the school district) and sign language interpreters, are the only visitors allowed in the testing rooms. There are no exceptions.
- Keep unauthorized persons out of the sight and hearing of the students until testing is complete. Limit access to the testing rooms and adjoining corridors. If the media are present during a test, they must remain outside of the testing location. Make sure their presence does not distract or disturb students.
- Stop any attempts by the media to record or photograph the test administration.
- If the media speaks to any of your students on school grounds, you must make sure to have your district's media release on file for that student.

ISAT ELA/Math (by Smarter Balanced)

- There have been issues with the 5th and 6th grade ELA Performance Tasks expiring prematurely. If you have an issue with one of these tests, please call the help desk, or submit an appeal to have the test reopened. As of 4/27, the problem has been solved, however, if students began these PTs prior to this date you may experience an issue.
- ALL issues (anything out of the ordinary) need to be logged on the Test Security- Incident Log. Only SOME of those issues need to be appealed. We will let you know how to share those logs with the SDE at the end of the testing window. TA's are responsible for monitoring the testing room to ensure that cell phones are not used and that test security measures, as outlined in the TAM, are in place.
- There continue to be issues with students not getting the appropriate designated supports or accommodations prior to testing. Please pay special attention to this so that students testing will not be disrupted, unnecessarily difficult, delayed, or impeded.
- **New documents:** *Smarter Balanced Communications documents for schools and districts. Located in Teachers and Test Administrators, Test Coordinator Resources, under the District and School Implementation Guidance folder. (April 21)*
- **Upcoming Professional Development (sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/PD)**
 - **Reporting ISAT Scores to Parents - Webinar (Repeat of April 10)**
Thursday, April 30, 2:00AM - 3:00PM MST*
Co-presenters: Nancy Thomas Price & Catherine Salas
 - The rules and guidelines regarding reporting of ISAT scores to parents, will be reviewed. For ISAT Math and ELA we will go over how to print the Individual Score Reports that go home to parents, using the Online Reporting System (ORS) . We will review a Parent Report template that can be used to communicate the reports to parents. The Science reporting will also be reviewed, including the score reports and parent brochure. We will cover timelines involved in sending these reports and answer questions for live participants.
- Please [click here](#) to view all announcements

ISAT Science, Retakes, EOCs

- The Preliminary ISAT (Science and Retakes) Conversion Table for spring 2015 is posted to [eDIRECT](#) (id.drcedirect.com) under General Information – Documents. This document is also posted on the [State Department of Education website](#).

The Preliminary ISAT (Science and Retakes) Conversion Table will assist you in matching your students' raw scores, which are provided in [eDIRECT](#), with their performance levels.



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- Score Reports (EOCs) - Because this is the first operational year for EOCs, new cut scores will be determined in June and submitted to the State Board of Education for final approval. Therefore, EOC Reports will be available and posted on [eDIRECT](#) by Sept. 4th.

National Center and State Collaborative Alt (NCSC)

- ***Adding Students:*** You must use the student's state EDUID. If you get a message saying "ID already exists" it means the student is already in the system. Call Toni Wheeler to reassign the student to the new school.
- Reminder: Tests should only be ***closed*** if a student demonstrates no observable communication mode. Tests should not be closed if the student has behaviors or chooses the wrong answer.

IELA

- Archived Reports - Service Point

As we come to the end of the state's contract with the IELA testing vendor, Questar, it is important for districts to download all historical/archived data and reports housed on Service Point.

While the Questar support desk will be available into the summer, it is advised that districts begin early and download all archived data and reports at the time they go into Service Point to download the 2014-15 data.

IRI and IRI Alt

Testing Window April 01 – May 01 -Reporting/discrepancy deadline May 15th

- Application: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/IRI/Home/Home>
- SDE Contact: Stephanie Lee
- SDE Contact Email: slee@sde.idaho.gov
- SDE Contact #: 208-332-6903
- Technical/Password Support: support@sde.idaho.gov

IRI Alt.

- IRI Alt: <http://idahotc.com/alternate-assessment/Documents>
- SDE Contact: Toni Wheeler
- SDE Contact Email: tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov
- Mail to: Toni Wheeler / ISDE / 650 W. State St. / Boise/ ID/ 83720-0027
- Post Marked by June 1